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Speaker Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
President Wayne L. Niederhauser, Vice Chair
Legislative Management Committee
State Capitol Complex
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Subject: Approval of Joint Education Conference

Dear Speaker Hughes and President Niederhauser,

In September 2015, the Legislature, in cooperation with public and higher education boards and agencies, held a joint education conference at Southern Utah University. Given the success of last year's meeting in bringing together stakeholders from the various education sectors in the state, we request approval to hold the conference again during the 2016 interim. No date has been set, but if approved we anticipate that the conference will occur in August or September.

We request that the conference be considered an authorized legislative day for members of the following legislative committees:

- Education Interim Committee
- 2016 Senate Education Standing Committee
- 2016 House Education Standing Committee
- Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee
- Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
- Legislative Management Committee

As with last year's conference, legislative committees will not take official action at the conference. The final agenda will be developed collaboratively between the chairs of the legislative education committees, representation from the minority party, and the leadership of public and higher education boards and agencies, with the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee chairs providing final approval. Topics for this year's conference have not been chosen; however, last year's topics included competency based education, teacher preparation programs, 21st century learning, and performance funding for higher education.

If approved, this conference will be held in addition to any other meetings approved for the participating legislative committees. The following table includes a breakdown of the estimated cost to hold the conference in 2016.

Joint Education Conference

Cost Estimate - 2016

Estimated Number of Participating Legislators	45
Number of Meeting Days	2

Expense Category	Daily Rate	Total Cost
Salary	$273	$24,570
Meals	39	3,510
Lodging	85	7,650
Total Cost Estimate	**$397**	**$35,700**

The above table only represents the estimated cost for Legislators assigned to one of the education committees listed above to attend the conference. Additional costs associated with Legislative staff participation, meeting planning, meeting hosting, etc. are not included.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sen. Howard Stephenson /SH

Sen. Howard Stephenson, Chair
Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee

Rep. Steve Eliason /SH

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Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee